

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An X-ray device provided with an X-ray source and an X-ray detector which are mounted at different ends of a common holding device, the common holding device being connected connectable to a room by way of a supporting device,

wherein the supporting device comprises a plurality of hinged, serially interconnected supporting members, wherein the hinges connecting the supporting members are plane hinges, and wherein the position of the common holding device is changed in a plane defined by the supporting members which may be individually controlled.

2. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting device is a serial manipulator, notably a robot arm.

3. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting device is constructed and connected to the holding device in such a manner that the common holding device with the X-ray source and the X-ray detector can be positioned completely as desired.

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5. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporting device is connected to the holding device by way of a hinge that permits rotation 360 degrees about an axis.

6. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding device is composed of at least two holding members, the X-ray source being mounted on a first holding member whereas the X-ray detector is mounted on a second holding member.

7. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding device is a C-arm.

8. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 1, such that there are provided means for monitoring the distance between an object to be examined and moving parts of the X-ray device, notably the X-ray source and the X-ray detector.

9. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means for monitoring the distance are provided with ultrasound sensors and ultrasound detectors.

10. (previously amended) An X-ray device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means for monitoring the distance include mechanical contact sensors.

11. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 1, wherein the common holding device is rigid, such that the distance between the X-ray source and the X-ray detector and the orientation of both elements relative to one another are invariable.

12. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 2, wherein the serial manipulator is controlled by software.

13. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 6, wherein the distance between the X-ray source and the X-ray detector can be changed.

14. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 8, wherein emergency braking is initiated when the distance between the moving parts and the object to be examined fall below a safety threshold.



15. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 10, wherein the mechanical contact sensors produce a signal upon contact with the object to be examined.

16. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 8, wherein the means for monitoring the distance include a separate video system to continuously monitor the motion of the X-ray source and the X-ray detector.

17. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 1, wherein the X-ray source and the X-ray detector are mounted on the common holding device by a displacement device such that the X-ray source and the X-ray detector can be displaced along an axis.

18. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 2, wherein the supporting device is a 6-axes flexible arm.

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19. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 1, wherein the supporting device is connected to the room at a connection point by a rotational hinge that permits rotation about an axis that extends perpendicularly out from the connection point.

20. (previously added) The X-ray device of claim 1, wherein each of the hinges permits rotation about a horizontal axis of the hinge.
